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BALANCING MOST

FREQUENTLY USED

FILE SYSTEM

CLUSTERS ACROSS A PLURALITY OF DISKS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 24, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of February 24, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.